

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title insert the following as the first sentence:

**– PRIORITY CLAIM**

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On page 1, delete the heading on line 3, and insert the following heading:

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

On page 1, delete the heading on line 10, and insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

On page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 29 as follows:

~~The invention is based on the object of developing~~ One object of the invention is to  
improve the known lamp such that the lamp allows for homogeneous luminance distribution  
of the LED light emitted by the LED element using a simple design for the lamp.

On page 2, delete the paragraph beginning on line 1 in its entirety and insert the  
following paragraph:

This and other objects are attained in accordance with one aspect of the invention  
directed to a lamp comprising at least one base for connection to a luminaire-side lamp fitting  
and at least one LED element. Two or more LED elements are provided which are arranged  
spaced apart from the base and are combined to form one module.

On page 2, amend the paragraph beginning on line 6 as follows:

~~The principle of the invention thus essentially consists in~~ A feature in one embodiment of the invention is that the LED elements ~~not being~~ are not arranged in the base of the lamp and the LED light, which would be generated close to the base or in the base, being distributed in the volume of the lamp by means of light-conducting elements or light-deflecting elements, ~~but by.~~ Instead the LED elements ~~being~~ are arranged such that they are spaced apart from the base, making it possible for the LED light emitted by the two or more LED elements to be made uniform to a certain extent within the lamp volume. Naturally, light-deflecting elements or light-conducting elements can be provided which further improve the uniformity of the luminance distribution, it being possible, for example, for diffuser elements to be provided. The distributed arrangement of the LED elements according to the invention at least in one subregion of the lamp volume may, however, significantly improve the uniformity of the luminance distribution of the LED light of the lamp.